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$\beta$ -GLUCAN-CONTAINING FAT AND OIL  
COMPOSITION AND NOVEL MICROORGANISMS  
CAPABLE OF PRODUCING  $\beta$ -GLUCAN

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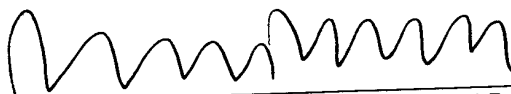
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